

# Friendship Times

## Friendship Friends Meeting

### Calendar

- Sun, March 30 extended worship begins 9 am  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, April 6 9 am Worship and Ministry, Care  
and Counsel, Peace and Social  
Concerns Committees meet  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, April 13 10:30 am Meeting for Worship,  
a potluck meal follows, then  
Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, April 20 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tues, April 22 Deadline for March newsletter
- Sun, April 27 9 a.m. Deepening the Life of  
the Meeting.  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, May 4 9 am Worship and Ministry,  
Care and Counsel, Peace and  
Social Concerns Committees  
meet  
10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each  
First Day,. Child care available for Worship  
and Business Meetings., Midweek Meetings  
for Worship are held at 7:30 pm on  
Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

### In this Issue

In this issue, besides the usual  
business meeting minutes you will  
find our monthly lesser known  
Quaker quotation, six directory  
updates and our answer to Fourth  
Month query taken from the query  
workshop on First month 18, 2014

### From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the  
newsletter no later than the last  
Sunday of the month. Material  
should be submitted, preferably by  
email, no later than Tuesday, April  
22.

### Month's Query

Query #4 *Do we assume our rightful  
share of the expenses of the  
meeting? Do we regard our time,  
our talents, and our possessions as  
given us in trust, and do we use  
them freely for the needs of others?*

<b>Minutes</b>
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

March 9, 2014

Meeting began with a brief period of silent worship.

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Third Month Report for Second Month Income and Expenses

The transition to the new treasurer is proceeding smoothly.

Expenses of note in February were \$530 for insurance, \$72 for childcare; \$143.04 for sandwiches. Two supporting contributions were paid in February: \$3000 to NCYM-C and \$350 to Piedmont Friends Fellowship.

Income in February was \$3,405 to the General Fund and \$100 to the New Building Fund.

Summary for February 2014

	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 3,405	\$ 4,547	\$ 11,510
All Operating Funds	\$ 3,505	\$ 4,547	\$ 21,221

Submitted by Stephen Holland, Treasurer

#### 2. Outreach Proposal

- Susan Carlyle presented a report on the sandwich making outreach program.
- The report follows.
- Friends decided to treat this as two separate proposals: 1) whether to lay down the sandwich making in collaboration with New Garden Friends Meeting; 2) pursue outreach at Pathways of Greensboro Urban Ministry, which would include meal preparation quarterly and other support of Pathways.
- The first part of this proposal was approved. The Clerk will collaborate with Susan Carlyle to write a letter to New Garden Friends Meeting.
- The Meeting supports the second part of this proposal and Susan Carlyle's leading. The logistics will be taken up at next month's Meeting for Business.

Friendship Friends Meeting has been making sandwiches on a monthly basis for many years. The sandwiches are taken to New Garden Friends Meeting on Sunday afternoon and refrigerated for two days. At least one time, the sandwiches had to be discarded because of a malfunction in the refrigeration. The people at New Garden cook up stew, make desserts, provide beverages and serve them, along with the sandwiches we made, as the evening meal in the Potter House kitchen on Lee Street on the first Tuesday evening of every month. They feed between 100 and 120 men who live at the Weaver House night shelter in the same building.

When the meal is served, prayers of thanks are given to New Garden Friends Meeting.

The cost to our Meeting to make 150 sandwiches of cheese, turkey, peanut butter, and fruit spread, or hummus is close to \$100 a month.

This project evolved from efforts 20 years ago, when Sid Kitchens and others from FFM made soup and served about 30 residents of the shelter.

A number of Friendship Friends have concerns about the quality of the food that we've been providing and the disconnection of Friends from the actual act of outreach. I have a leading to propose a form of outreach that would address these concerns. It would connect us with the Pathways Center at 3517 N. Church Street.

Pathways, a program of Greensboro Urban Ministry, has been in operation since 1981. Its primary purpose is to provide a safe living environment to families who are searching for permanent housing. Families come to Pathways due to a variety of reasons; such as eviction from housing they could not afford, living in overcrowded housing, and domestic problems. There is no cost to the families who live in any of the 16 efficiency apartments. The Pathways program allows residents the opportunity to pay off back bills and to save money for rent and utility security deposits. The average stay for a family is 3 months. During this time each family participates in case management and establishes a plan for moving out of the center.

The Pathways program provides many service opportunities for volunteers. They include preparing and serving a meal for the residents and their children, providing children's activities, collecting needed items such as: gently used linens, dishes, pots and pans, cooking utensils, glassware and items such as school supplies, cleaning supplies, diapers, personal care items, and Greensboro Transit Authority bus tickets.

I propose that we prepare and serve a vegetarian meal once a quarter at Pathways. This could be a simple soup and sandwich meal or one of various casseroles. It would be nice to have some of FFM members and attenders there to serve the meal and to provide some simple activities for the resident children. Such interaction has not been part of the long-standing sandwich-making project.

I also propose that we also begin collecting items that are on their list of needs for current residents and delivering them on a regular schedule.

I am willing to be the coordinator for scheduling a meal and for requesting donations to meet living needs of families at Pathways.

The Pathways contact person is Susan Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator. I met with her last week to discuss opportunities for us and to take some photos of the facility. I asked many questions. She has assured me that there is a great deal of flexibility available in finding an outlet for our outreach efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Carlyle

### 3. Sojourning Member Letter

- A letter was read from Rich Square Monthly Meeting that Susan Wilson be a Sojourning Member at Friendship Friends Meeting.
- Susan Wilson was accepted as a Sojourning Member.

### 4. Nominating Committee

- The following people were proposed to be on the Nominating Committee for 2014-2015: Jim Hood, Deborah Shaw, and Bonnie Parsons.
- These names were approved.
- We greatly appreciate Darlene Stanley's work with Nominating Committee the past three years.

### 5. Report from Worship and Ministry

- Darlene Stanley presented a concern to the Meeting to establish an ad hoc committee to address emergency procedures for the Meeting. This committee would create an action plan for emergency events.
- The ad hoc committee was approved. Names will be brought forth by the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

**Peace and Social Concerns  
ACTION BOX**

Please bring in the following food item to go to First Friends Food Pantry during the month of February

*Canned vegetables*

### Directory update

Stephen Holland has an email address for him as treasurer. It is [FMMTreasurersph@aol.co](mailto:FMMTreasurersph@aol.co)

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## LESSER KNOWN QUOTATIONS

*Each month you will see a lesser known quotation or two from early and more recent Friends that remind us of the Quaker message as it came to Friends in the seventeenth century and as it's lasted to today.*

*Selected by our member Patricia Loring, they are to stir your own reflection, meditation and discussion of what we are about at this time in our history.*

**OUTREACH:**...we seek to share our visions of God, the Truth underlying reality, in the hope that this sharing helps others to approach God and to achieve full stature as God's children. Further, we hope to build up a community where those who share our visions and their consequences can continue on the search, live in conformity with their discoveries, and support each other in the process. In George Fox's formula, we want to bring people to Christ, their living Teacher, and to leave them there in communities of obedience. We cannot make the survival of our particular Quaker organizations the main goal, nor should we operate with the attitude that our message is the only available path to Truth. But if we are faithful to our leadings and our heritage, we can continue to provide a home for those who are drawn to us.

Johan Mauer, "Our Mandate for Outreach," 1977

**Answer to Fourth Month query** taken from the query workshop on First month 18, 2014

Query 4: *Do we assume our rightful share in the expenses of our Meeting? Do we regard our time, our talents, and our possessions as given in trust, and do we use them freely for the needs of others?*

The meeting as a whole does regard time, talents and resources as given in trust. As needs are expressed appropriate responses have come from members and attenders in meeting. When individual and family needs have arisen in the past year we have attempted to respond to those needs financially, as well as with our time and talent. We recognize in the past year the emotional and physical support of some of our members has fallen particularly to a few generous souls in the meeting and we need to be mindful of those who are caring for others. Financial contributions allowed the meeting to nearly meet its budget, maintain good stewardship of our physical space and make contributions to the various Quaker organizations and local community groups which we wish to support.

We continue to discuss ideas for new meeting house space. While expanded space ideas are still developing we are aware that we need to consider raising building funds. Appropriate committees have been established to consider these needs. All of our committees are active and committee members share their talents generously. We feel a sense of gratitude for the blessing of the Spirit that our community experiences in giving and receiving.

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